Declaration of assets by Legislators

558. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to pass a legislation making it mandatory for legislators and Ministers to declare their assets and liabilities annually as is being done in other democratic countries; and

(b) if so, by when the bill is likely to be presented to Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (PROF. M. KAMSON) : (a) and (b) Discussions have been held with various political parties on an assurance given by the Government on the subject of Declaration of Assets and Liabilities by the Ministers and Members of Parliament. As this is a sensitive and complex issue, no specific time frame can be laid down for finalising it.

Manuscripts missing from ICCR Library

559. SMT. KAMALA SINHA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain invaluable manuscripts of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and other important documents of historical and cultural value are missing from the ICCR library;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to trace these important documents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) A preliminary check of the collection has been done and it has been found that all personal papers and manuscripts of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad are physically there in the ICCR Library. However, five manuscripts of works by other authors from the collection have not been located in the *designated section.*

(b) The details are:

1. Kulligate-c-Sadi of Sadi Mushihuddin
2. Diwan Brahman
3. Diwan Shahi Sabzrate
4. Diwan Nizam
5. Diwan Frishta M. Quasim

(c) Steps have been initiated to trace the documents.

Proposals to bring uniformity in pension to freedom fighters

560. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the amount of pension for freedom fighters varies from State to State;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that many State Governments have recently hiked the pension to freedom fighters;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government propose to bring uniformity in this regard; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM LAL RAHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(e) and (f) State Governments function under the relevant provisions of the Constitution of India and they take decisions as per their discretion in respect of the schemes run by them. Hence it is not possible for the Central Government to bring uniformity in those schemes.

Modernization of Post Offices in hill districts of Uttar Pradesh

561. SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the post offices in the hill region of Uttar Pradesh have not been modernised so far;

(b) whether Government are aware that the residents of these areas, specially in the remote interior, have been facing enormous difficulties due to non-availability of letters and money orders in time;

(c) whether Government propose to upgrade the post office at village Bedgaon in Patti Maniyarsuen (poorvi) Pauri Garhwal, so that it can function as a model centre for postal

communications, helping the residents of nearby and adjacent villages; and

(d) if so, the details of the action proposed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir. Two post offices in the hill region of Uttar Pradesh, viz., Nainital H.O. and Tallital SO are covered by the programme of modernisation during the year 1995-96.

(b) Yes, Sir. There are instances of delay to mail in the hill regions and remote interior areas of Uttar Pradesh characterised by difficult terrain and weather, and irregular plying of mailcarrying buses. Seasonally, problem of transport becomes more difficult, causing delay. Mail also suffers delay in some of these regions due to public agitations now and then. Department of post monitors closely the transmission and delivery of mail in such areas and wherever failures are notices, corrective steps are promptly taken.

(c) There is no proposal to upgrade the post office at village Bedgaon in Patti Maniyarsuen(Poorvi) Pauri Garhwal.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

यमुना नदी के दूषित जल के शोधन हेतु धनराशि का आवंटन

562. **श्री रामजीलाल:** क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार यमुना नदी के दूषित जल के शोधन हेतु कोई धनराशि प्रदान करती है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो पिछले दो वर्षों के दौरान राज्य-वार कितनी धनराशि प्रदान की गई है तथा 1994-95 और 1995-96 के वर्षों के दौरान हरियाणा को विशेष रूप से कितनी धनराशि प्रदान की गई है; और

(ग) केन्द्रीय सरकार इसके जल को स्वच्छ बनाने के उद्देश्य से दूषित जल के शोधन हेतु हरियाणा को अधिकतम कितनी सहायता राशि प्रदान कर सकती है?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राजेश पायलट): (क) और (ख) जी हां, यमुना नदी के प्रदूषण निवारण के लिए सरकार ने यमुना कार्य योजना नामक स्कीम का अनुमोदन किया है। इस स्कीम की पूंजीगत लागत में केन्द्र सरकार और हरियाणा, उत्तर प्रदेश तथा दिल्ली की राज्य सरकार के बीच बराबर की हिस्सेदार होगी। स्कीम में केन्द्र सरकार के हिस्से के रूप में तीनों राज्यों को अनुदान के रूप में अब तक 28.30 करोड़ रुपये की राशि दी जा चुकी है। दी गई राशि का वर्षवार और राज्यवार ब्यौरा संलग्न विवरण में दिया गया है (नीचे देखिए)। इस स्कीम के अन्तर्गत हरियाणा सरकार को वर्ष 1994-95 में 1.50 करोड़ रुपये और वर्ष 1995-96 के दौरान 3.00 करोड़ रुपये की राशि दी गई।

(ग) यमुना कार्य योजना में हरियाणा में कार्यों की वर्तमान स्वीकृत लागत 113.85 करोड़ रुपये है। इस प्रकार केन्द्र से हरियाणा को प्राप्त अनुदान की राशि 56.93 करोड़ रुपये तक सीमित होगी जो कि संस्वीकृत लागत का 50% है।

विवरण

यमुना कार्य योजना के अन्तर्गत केन्द्र सरकार द्वारा दी गई राशि का राज्यवार और वर्षवार ब्यौरा

(करोड़ रुपये)

राज्य	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	योग
हरियाणा	6.96	1.50	3.00	11.46
उत्तर प्रदेश	8.74	2.35	3.68	14.77
दिल्ली	0.24	–	1.83	2.07
योग	15.94	3.85	8.51	28.30

Telecom Regulatory Authority

563. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a three-Member Telecom Regulatory Authority was constituted recently; and

(b) if so, what are its functions and by when it will start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Bill, 1996 has been introduced in the Lok Sabha on 27.2.1996 for replacing the Ordinance promulgated by the President on 27.1.96 for constituting the Telecom regulatory Authority of India.

The authority shall consist of a Chairperson, and not less than two, but not exceeding four members, to be appointed by the Central Government.